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LIVE STOCK IN QUEENSLAND, 1943.

The following figures of Live Stock in Queensland at 1st January, 1943 are made available by the Government Statistician. The figures are the result of a preliminary estimate and subject to revision.

	Estimate at 1.1.43.	Actual Numbers at 1.1.42.
Sheep	25,150,000	25,196,245
Cattle	6,400,000	6,303,467
Horses	450,000	432,469
Pigs	315,000	352,360

The estimated number of sheep in the State at 1st January, 1943 is about the same as for 1942, but considerably higher than the 1940 level (24,190,931).

Cattle numbers remain very high, and were still increasing up to the beginning of this year. Only in the years 1920-25 have the present numbers been exceeded. It may be noted that in the United States of America, cattle numbers at the beginning of 1943 were the highest on record at 77,000,000 having risen from 67,000,000 in 1939.

The number of horses has risen to 450,000, the highest figures since 1934, when there were 450,024. The number of horses reached its maximum in 1918 at 759,726 and had been declining fairly steadily until this year.

The heavy decline in pigs from 352,360 in 1942 to 315,000 is probably due to lack of labour.

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